(ii) Revamp of the plant at an approximate cost of Rs. 19 crores.

(iii) A scheme for installation of *molecular sieve* Unit in Air Separation Plant at a cost of *Rs. 13.64 crores.*

F.C.I. has also sent a proposal to set up 2×19 MW Captive Power Plants at a cost of Rs. 142.64 crores.

Branch of Technological Research Institute for Food Technology in Madhya Pradesh

3076. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :
KUMARI VIMLA VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a branch of Technological Research Institute for Food Technology in Madhya Pradesh keeping in view the growing number of food processing units and to maintain the requisite standard of quality ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No Sir, however Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore has already set up a Regional Centre at Nagpur to meet the need of the central part of the country on various aspects relating to food technology.

[English]

Sick Small Scale Industries in Kerala

3077. SHRI A. CHARLES :
SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of registered tiny and Small Scale Industries with an investment of less than five lakh rupees in Kerala ;

(b) the total number of persons employed in these industries :

(c) the number out of them which are sick and the number which are making profits ;

(d) the reasons for the sickness of some of the industries : and

(e) the steps taken to revive them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) The total estimated number of registered SSI units including those with investment in plant and machinery less than Rs. 5 lakhs coming under the purview of SIDO in Kerala as on 31-12-1990 was 55821.

(b) The total number of persons employed in the above SSI units in Kerala is not separately available.

(c) As per RBI data, the number of sick SSI units in Kerala as on December 31, 1988 was 20735. Data on the number of SSI units making profits are not compiled by the RBI under the present data reporting system of banks.

(d) A number of causes, both internal and external often operating in combination have been responsible for sickness in the small scale sector.